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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/5/87 (MCCALL, SHERROD 8) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, UR, US, EEC, AF
SUBJECT: PETROV ARTICLE REJECTS EC PROPOSAL
ON AFGHANISTAN

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US STRATEGY AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. BEFORE HE SPECIFICALLY REFUTES THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL, PETROV SPENDS A NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS DEMONSTRATING THE "IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS OF WASHINGTON." THESE AMBITIONS, HE ARGUES, "HAVE ACQUIRED AN EVEN LARGER SCOPE" WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. HE TIES U.S. "AGGRESSION" IN AFGHANISTAN WITH ITS ACTIONS IN EL SALVADOR AND CLAIMS THAT THE "SOLE METHOD" OF AMERICAN STRATEGY IS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WITH MILITARY FORCE. AMERICAN "AGGRESSION" AGAINST THE DRA, PETROV CONTENDS, IS ONLY ONE PART OF A WIDER U.S. PLAN FOR THE DESTABILIZATION OF THE ENTIRE REGION FROM SOUTH ASIA TO THE PERSIAN GULF AND IS A THREAT NOT ONLY TO AFGHANISTAN, BUT IRAN AND INDIA AS WELL. AS IS THE SOVIET NORM, THE ARTICLE NAMES AND CONDEMNS AS PARTNERS IN THE U.S. INTRIGUES CHINA, GREAT BRITAIN, PAKISTAN, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA.

6. COMMENT: THE DECISION TO ATTACK THE EC PROPOSAL WITH SUCH AN AUTHORITATIVE PUBLIC REBUTTAL ATTESTS TO MOSCOW'S UNEASINESS OVER THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND PUBLICITY THE PROPOSAL HAS RECEIVED. IT MAKES IT OBVIOUS THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO RESPOND TO

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THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OF CHALLENGING THEM
ON AFGHANISTAN WITH A TOUGH AND UNYIELDING POSITION.
THE TIMING MAY BE TIED TO BOTH THE OTTAWA SUMMIT'S
SUPPORT FOR THE EC INITIATIVE AND THE CURRENT
ROUND OF THE DE CUELLAR MISSION. END COMMENT.

7. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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